

What motivated you to select this project ?

I am always willing to open my eyes and learn something fascinating from distinctive cultures, which enriches my overall knowledge and allows me to become a more globalized individual. Gaining broader horizons requires me to engage in diversified programs and communicate with people with various backgrounds. Also, this program fulfills my academic pursuits while simultaneously enhancing my comprehensive ability to solve problems and collaborate with others. It also offers me a chance to study in Budapest Metropolitan University in the capital city of Hungary. This university commits to developing international, business communication and train television for journalists, exactly matching my individual major in OSU, journalism. Another reason I took part in this program is that I want to learn more video editing skills, and the video assignment in this program makes it possible for me to advance my professional skills.

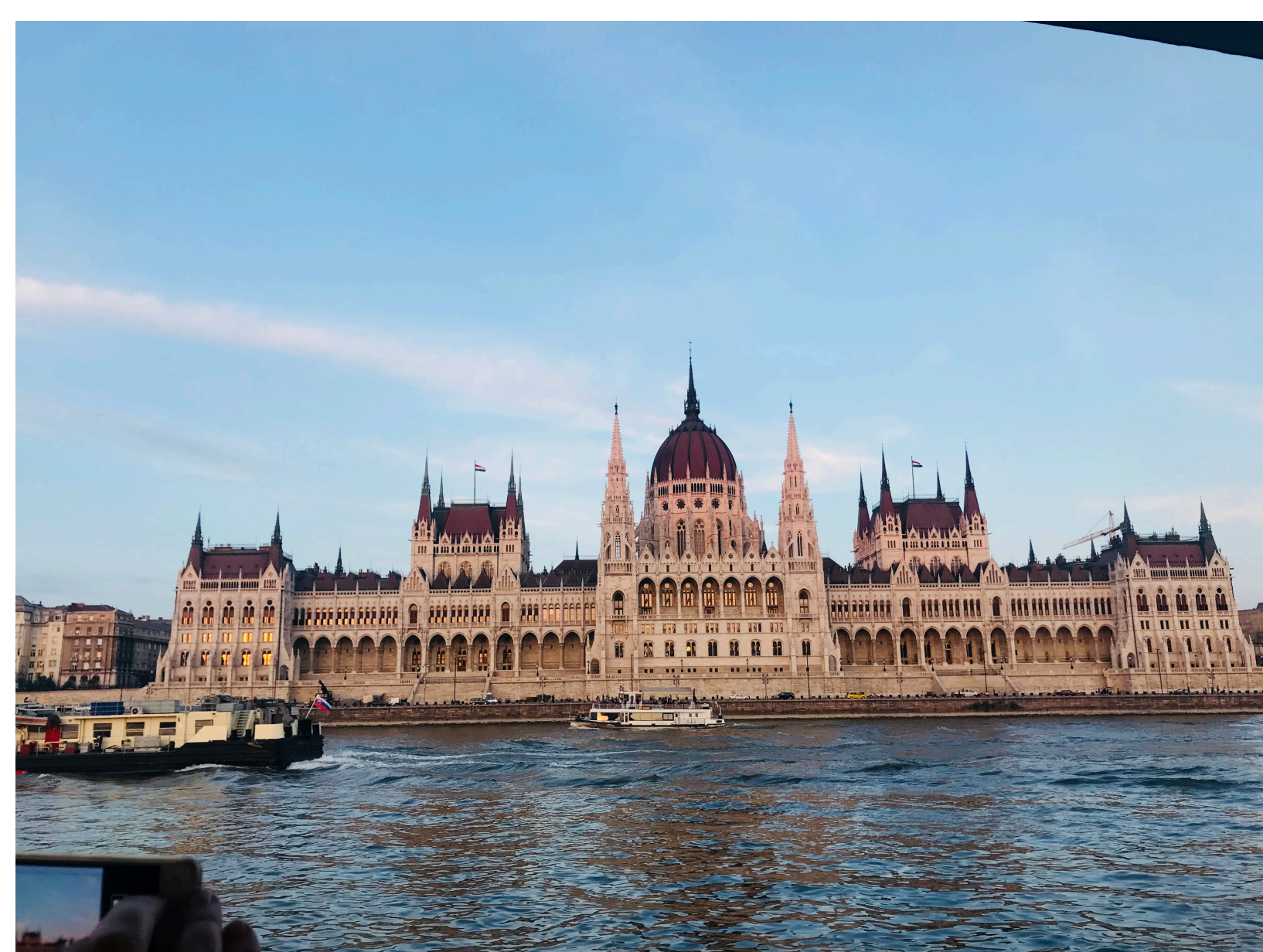


What was transformational about your project?

With this experience, I gained more global awareness and got to know more history and culture of central Europe. Before this program, I just heard the names of European countries without deeper delving. And I feel they are so mysterious for the bumpy history, bizarre historic stories and distinctive culture. So I couldn't wait to physically come that land and delve behind-the-scenes "truth." And Hungary really surprised me and this program helped me grow as a person. Not only in terms of academic but connection with other people. After this program, I leaned communicate and collaborate with my peers in a more effective way. Also, more interactions with others including my professor, strangers as well as fellow participants. Overall, this program really pushed me out of my comfort and shifted my personality and the way I viewed people with various backgrounds and the whole world.

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My STEP signature project was a month-long education abroad program centered in Budapest. During the time in Budapest, we learned the culture and history of central Europe at Metropolitan University. Also, we explored other cities like Austria, Vienna, Warsaw and local museums for physically experiencing how everyday life has changed over time and how those changes have affected the culture of the region. In addition to theoretical stuff, our instructor led us to visit a variety of museums and many amazing historic sites including Parliament Building, picturesque Szentendre and Habsburg crypts. Interactions with local people and professors at Metropolitan University provided me with various angles on an international issue. Other than landmarks, we tasted the delicious and authentic food and drinks. At the end of this program, students teamed up to create a video with Adobe Premier. We discussed the topic, interviewed and edited footages while the final video was projected on the screen before the day we left Budapest.



What was your favorite part of the experience?

The most impressive memory was days in Vienna. We visited Albertina, an art museum. I was inspired by quotes from Keith Haring: **“An artist putting as many images into the world as I am should be aware of how they affect the world.”**

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Art should be something that celebrates the soul, provokes the imagination, and encourages people to go further, it celebrates humanity instead of manipulating it.”

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